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2. (amended) A purified heparinase III isolated from *Heparinum flavobacterium* free of [other] lyase activity other than heparinase NI activity.

Please cancel claim 4.

*1/5.* (amended) The heparinase III of claim [4] 2 stabilized with albumin.

*5.* (amended) A method for purifying heparinase I, II, and III from *Heparinum flavobacterium* comprising the steps of lysing *Flavobacterium heparinum* cells in a pure culture of *Flavobacterium heparinum*,

lysate,

removing cell debris and nucleic acids from the cell absorption of heparinase I, II, and III to hydroxyapatite,

absorption of non-heparinase I, II, and III proteins to QAE-resin,

separation of heparinase I, II, and III by HPLC on a hydroxylapatite column,

purification of the separated heparinases by cation exchange FPLC, and

purification of the separated heparinases by gel permeation HPLC.

Please cancel claims 10-17.